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May 30, 2000

The City Council met in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency at the hour of 8:44 a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on the day above written.

Present:	Garry Bredefeld	Acting Council President
	Henry Perea	Councilmember
	Sal Quintero	Councilmember
	Ken Steitz	Councilmember
	Dan Ronquillo	Councilmember
	Tom Boyajian	Council President

Absent:	Chris Mathys	Councilmember
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Jeff Reid, City Manager
Daniel Fitzpatrick, Executive Director
Hilda Cantu Montoy, City Attorney
Jess Avila, Assistant City Attorney
Rebecca Klisch, City Clerk
Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk

(8:30 A.M.) JOINT MEETING WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

(“B”) CONSIDER INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE AIRPORT AREA AND CENTRAL CITY REVITALIZATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS, AND THE TEN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS WITHIN THE MERGER NO.1 PROJECT (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PROJECT URBAN RENEWAL AREA, CHINATOWN EXPANDED REDEVELOPMENT AREA, CONVENTION CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AREA, FULTON REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AREA, JEFFERSON REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AREA, MARIPOSA PROJECT URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AREA, SOUTH VAN NESS INDUSTRIAL AREA, WEST FRESNO ONE PROJECT URBAN RENEWAL AREA, WEST FRESNO TWO PROJECT URBAN RENEWAL AREA, AND THE WEST FRESNO THREE URBAN RENEWAL AREA **(COUNCIL ACTION)**

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-163 - INITIATING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS TO FINANCIALLY MERGE THE AIRPORT AREA, CENTRAL CITY, AND 10 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS WITHIN THE MERGER NO. 1 PROJECT

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-164 - INITIATING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT TO EXPAND THE AIRPORT AREA REVITALIZATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA BOUNDARIES

Briefly reviewed by Director Fitzpatrick who advised final action would be forthcoming in 4-6 months.

On motion of Councilmember Steitz, seconded by Acting President Bredefeld, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution Nos. 2000-163 and 2000-164 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes : Boyajian, Bredefeld, Perea, Quintero, Steitz, Ronquillo
Noes : None
Absent : Mathys

(“A”) CONTINUED HEARING TO CONSIDER FINANCING ALTERNATIVES FOR IMPLEMENTING EXISTING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE GAP, INC., INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT AND RELATED AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A DISTRIBUTION CENTER AND OFFICE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED BY THE GAP, INC., ON 70.25 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED NORTHERLY OF AIRWAYS BOULEVARD EAST OF PEACH AVENUE IN THE AIRPORT AREA REVITALIZATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA
(COUNCIL AND AGENCY ACTION)

1. JOINT RESOLUTION - APPROVING A FUNDING AGREEMENT (FORMERLY A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT) BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRESNO AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RELATING TO THE RELOCATION OF A STORM DRAINAGE BASIN AND INSTALLATION OF RELATED OFF-SITE STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND OFFICE FACILITY, AND MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 33445

Chair Ronquillo announced the time had arrived to consider the issue and opened the hearing.

Director Fitzpatrick reviewed the staff report as submitted.

Speaking in opposition to the issue and/or to human rights violations and/or decent wages were: Mark Stout, 796 N. Fulton; Theresia Rogerson, 706 N. Fulton; Araceli Solis, 1527 N. Van Ness #3; Gerald Bill, 708 E. Beverly Way; and Valta Pointer, 1738 W. Shaw.

Upon call, no one else wished to be heard and Chair Ronquillo closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

Economic Development Coordinator Webster and Mr. Fitzpatrick responded briefly to questions of Councilmember Steitz relative to outstanding issues on the City’s side, if any, contract timeframe, and bonding issues with Councilmember Steitz requesting a report back. Councilmember Steitz noted the basin relocation was necessary for air cargo and was not for the Gap alone, commented on the Gap’s investment in the community, and made a motion to adopt the resolution.

Councilmember Perea commented briefly on the citizens arrest at the recent demonstration against the Gap and expressed concern with the number of police present and the way they were equipped, and commented on the Gap issue and communities competing for jobs emphasizing this was a national issue. Acting President Bredefeld stated he felt the matter should be considered with the budget noting he was not prepared to take action this date, also commented on the need for jobs in the community, and made a motion to continue the matter to closer to adoption of the budget, which motion was seconded and acted upon after additional discussion.

Chair Ronquillo and President Boyajian responded to speakers’ comments and clarified issues relative to the Gap. Mr. Webster responded to questions of Councilmember Quintero relative to the Gap exceeding their projection on jobs provided with Councilmember Quintero stating he looked at the issue in terms of how the community would benefit.

On motion of Acting President Bredefeld, seconded by Councilmember Perea, duly carried, RESOLVED, the hearing to consider financial alternatives to implement agreements between the City and the Gap continued to closer to adoption of the budget, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Boyajian, Bredefeld, Perea, Ronquillo
Noes	:	Quintero, Steitz
Absent	:	Mathys

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The joint bodies adjourned at 9:24 a.m. and the City Council convened at 9:26 a.m.

COMMENDATION TO ACTING PRESIDENT BREDEFELD FOR HIS WORK ON THE RECENT UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED STADIUM PROPOSAL - COUNCILMEMBER QUINTERO

Commendation made.

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(1-A) STATUS REPORT AND DIRECTION ON THE NORTHEAST POLICE SUBSTATION

Development Director Yovino briefly reviewed the staff report as submitted, requested direction on four issues, and advised staff had engaged in discussions with a developer, Mr. Petersen, for a substation on his property noting it had a real potential for a lease option and recommended Council consider the proposal. Councilmember Steitz left the meeting at 9:27 a.m. and returned after recess.

Speaking to the issue were: Jim McKelvey, representing the Building Industry Association, who stated they supported the fee and requested accountability of UGM program and an annual audit; and Roger Petersen, 6750 E. Nees, who advised of the proposal for property at Cedar and Teague Avenues, displaying a map to illustrate.

Mr. Yovino, Deputy Chief Frost, Mr. Petersen and City Manager Reid responded to questions of Acting President Bredefeld relative to amount of revenue the fees would generate, need for a police substation, importance relative to timeline, size of the proposed site, support for a lease agreement/lease option, terms and rental rate, build out time, and status of the UGM audit. Acting President Bredefeld noted UGM fees should have been collected for police substations as they were for fire stations, and stated the necessary funds would have to come from the general fund and he would be asking staff to set aside those funds to build the substation.

Mr. Yovino and Mr. Petersen responded to questions of Councilmembers Perea and Ronquillo relative to total cost for the substation, City departments who would be involved in the lease and in the collection of fees, support for an option to buy, and if the fees would be collected city-wide. Mr. Reid noted there would be legal issues to consider and explained. Acting President Bredefeld made a motion to direct staff to move towards a lease option for 10-15 years, determine a funding source, and return with all necessary documents, which motion was seconded and later acted upon.

Mr. Reid responded to questions of Councilmember Quintero relative to the UGM program and adjusting fees as growth occurred as Clovis does, with Councilmember Quintero suggesting staff look into Clovis' program. Brief discussion ensued on a determining a financing method and the need to establish a fee

maintained if Council moved towards a lease option. Upon question of Acting President Bredefeld, Mr. Yovino stated an analysis would take two weeks. Mr. Reid reiterated the need to move forward with an ordinance and clarified issues relative to the lack of infrastructure in the northeast area. President Boyajian commented on the issue stating new development should pay its own way and that UGM fees should be increased.

On motion of Acting President Bredefeld, seconded by Councilmember Perea, duly carried. RESOLVED, staff directed to (1) move towards a 10-15 year lease with an option to purchase for \$1.00 at the end, (2) determine a funding source for the necessary funds, and (3) return with all necessary documents, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Perea, Quintero, Ronquillo
Noes	:	Boyajian
Absent	:	Mathys, Steitz

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RECESS - 10:11 A.M. - 10:34 A.M.

(2A) * RESOLUTION NO. 2000-165 - 107TH AMENDMENT TO AAR 99-181 APPROPRIATING \$5,100 OF DISTRICT 3'S GENERAL FUND INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET TO FUND THE AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK PROGRAMS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - COUNCILMEMBER RONQUILLO

Councilmember Steitz briefly left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

On motion of Councilmember Ronquillo, seconded by Acting President Bredefeld, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution No. 2000-165 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Perea, Quintero, Ronquillo, Boyajian
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	Mathys, Steitz

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(2A) * RESOLUTION NO. 2000-166 - 106TH AMENDMENT TO AAR 99-181 APPROPRIATING \$100 OF DISTRICT 2'S GENERAL FUND OPERATING SUPPORT BUDGET TO FUND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS' (AARP) ANNUAL TRIP THE CHAFFEE ZOO ON JUNE 10, 2000 - COUNCILMEMBER MATHYS

On motion of President Boyajian, seconded by Acting President Bredefeld, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution No. 2000-166 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Bredefeld, Perea, Quintero, Ronquillo, Boyajian
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	Mathys, Steitz

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Councilmember Steitz returned to the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Visiting students from Craycroft School were recognized and welcomed.

1. * RESOLUTION - ADOPTING THE FY 2001 BUDGET AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) BUDGET INCLUDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION (AAR), POSITION AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION (PAR), SALARY RESOLUTION, MASTER FEE SCHEDULE (MFS), PROPERTY TAX OVERRIDE (PTO) ORDINANCE, AND SELECTION OF THE GANN LIMIT METHODOLOGY
2. * RESOLUTION - ADOPTING THE FY 2001 POSITION AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION (PAR)
3. * RESOLUTION - ADOPTING THE 370TH AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE (MFS) RES. 80-420 (ANNUAL AMENDMENT)
4. * BILL (FOR INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION) - ADOPTING THE PROPERTY TAX OVERRIDE (PTO) ORDINANCE
5. * RESOLUTION - ESTABLISHING RATES FOR THE APPLICATION OF CITY EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION RATES AND SCHEDULES AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS, AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION RATES AND SCHEDULES - FY 20001 SALARY RESOLUTION
6. * RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TAXABLE PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS, REFUNDING SERIES A, B, C AND D OF 2000 (AUCTION RATE BONDS; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT, AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE, ONE OR MORE CONTACTS OF PURCHASE, A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

President Boyajian announced the time had arrived to consider the issue and opened the hearing.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Utilities Director Abramson gave an overview of the department's budget and highlights using graphics to illustrate **(3 - 0)**.

Alex Correa, Local 30 Representative, expressed various concerns including the elimination of positions at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and explained.

Extensive discussion ensued with City Attorney Montoy, Mr. Abramson, Water Systems Manager McIntyre and Mr. Correa responding to various questions and/or concerns of Councilmembers Perea and Steitz, President Boyajian and Councilmember Quintero relative to other projects to improve the water system and lack of action on those projects, reserve funds, plans to raise utility rates, utilizing funds earmarked for capital improvements, contingency funds and ability to utilize them outside the department, tipping fees paid to Fresno County and impact with recycling efforts, what operating reserves paid for, meet and confer issues, explanation of certain budget headings, if Local 39's concerns were being addressed and potential for liability, adopting the budget "in concept", and reason for the elimination of positions at the WWTP **(4 - 0)**.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

City Attorney Montoy gave an overview of the departments' budget including highlights, challenges and recommendations.

Speaking to the issue were: Barbara Hunt, 944 "F" Street; and Alex Correa, Local 39 Representative, who spoke in opposition to the Business Transaction Council position for PUD.

Ms. Montoy, Budget Manager Bruney and City Manager Reid clarified issues and responded to questions of Councilmembers Perea and Ronquillo relative to funding source for contract counsel services and litigation costs, contingency funds, resources and billing system, \$3 million deficit, moving the labor relations function to the City Attorney's office, cost effectiveness of outside counsel, and need for funding to hire a firm for Agency-related legal needs due to growth. There was no further discussion.

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UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

APPEARANCE BY RICKY GOODWIN, 20-YEAR FAX RIDER, REGARDING PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY FAX DRIVERS AND POLICE WHILE RIDING BUSES

Appearance made; no action taken.

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LUNCH RECESS - 12:06 P.M. - 2:22 P.M.

(9:00 A.M.) CONTINUED HEARING ON CITY OF FRESNO FY 2001 BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

HNR Director Quiring gave an overview of the department's budget including the major changes.

Speaking to the issue were: Barbara Hunt, 944 "F" Street; and Gene Zimmerman, representing FCEA, who expressed concern with the "Service Aide" position (**5 - 0**).

Lengthy discussion ensued with Ms. Quiring and Budget Manager Bruney clarifying issues and responding to questions of Councilmembers Perea, Ronquillo, Quintero and President Boyajian relative to lawful use of Consolidated Plan/CDBG funds, process to amend the plan, if code enforcement positions approved last year had been filled, code enforcement's budget, involvement of police department in code enforcement, complaint process, efforts towards housing transition and grants for same, permits taken out and follow-up enforcement on businesses who hang banners for special events, full-time equivalent employees and duties, Services/Specialist positions, the Annual Action Plan, DAP and senior housing programs, impact if the new positions were not approved, and consolidating maintenance workers into to one department. There was no further discussion.

INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

IDS Director Cluff gave an overview of his department's budget and highlights.

Barbara Hunt, 944 "F" Street, spoke to the Y2K issue.

Mr. Cluff clarified issues and responded to questions of Councilmembers Perea, Quintero and President Boyajian relative to the new telephone system, new administrative positions that were added in past budgets to deal

with Y2K and People Soft (PS), justification in retaining those positions, additional computers sought, problems encountered with PS, cost of the PS program, PS technology, department budget relative to the general fund, and efforts to make old computers available for non-profit organizations. There was no further discussion.

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

P & R Director Primavera introduced key staff and **(6 - 0)** gave an overview of the department's budget and highlights, past accomplishments, and goals for the upcoming year.

Speaking to the issue were: Barbara Hunt, 944 "F" Street; Barbara Stein, 1927 W. Princeton, Officer of the Fresno Metro Youth Soccer League, need for a soccer complex; Kathleen McIntyre, 1617 E. Saginaw; representing Comprehensive Youth Services, Volunteer Bureau, Friendship Center for the Blind, Poverello House, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Human Services Coalition); and Kay Coffin, President/CEO, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, who requested the Director make a report to Council on the impact human services has on the community.

Mr. Primavera clarified issues and responded to questions of Councilmembers Perea, Bredefeld and Quintero relative to status of the Belmont landscaping and Lions Park lighting projects, funds collected for Rotary Playland, maintenance at Woodward Park, Tree Fresno's budget, dying trees on Peach Avenue (with Councilmember Quintero requesting a report), and funding for Pilibos Park.

MOTION - Councilmember Quintero - Eliminate picnic shelters and tot lots at Pilibos Soccer Park and determine funding source in the amount of \$72,000 to install lighting.

Mr. Primavera responded to questions of Councilmember Ronquillo and President Boyajian relative to the regional sports park complex, local systems grant, the Municipal Golf Fund, the Dakota-Milburn park, grant processes, process to purchase church property adjacent to Quigley park, lighting at Lion's and Quigley parks, and the \$1.6 million allocated for median landscaping. There was no further discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director White introduced key staff and gave an overview of the department's budget and proposed reorganization.

Speaking to the issue were: Barbara Hunt, 944 "F" Street; Ed O'Neill, 8645 N. Maple, representing the Construction Industry Force Account Council **(7 - 0)**, and Chris Hickey, Agee Construction, who requested city projects be put out to bid to determine cost effectiveness; Alex Correa, Local 39, opposed to the reorganization of the paint shop; and Tim Dixon, 408 W. Bluff, support for a skate park.

Mr. White, City Manager Reid and public works staff clarified issues and responded to questions of Councilmembers Perea, Steitz and Quintero relative to lack of contingency accounts in the department, the proposed 16 new positions (with Councilmember Perea requesting a list of the positions/titles and funding sources), reason for deletion of an administrative position and creation of 4 graffiti positions, timeline on the Fresno/Ashlan left-turn signal project, the reorganization proposal (with Councilmember Quintero requesting a list of the positions being integrated from other departments), and striping of streets and older neighborhoods.

Councilmember Perea expressed concern with the time taken to complete projects when funding had already been approved and budgeted referencing Lion's park lighting and Fresno/Ashlan traffic signal projects, and questioned if funds could be transferred to Council infrastructure budgets to expedite the process, with Assistant City Attorney Avila responding. President Boyajian concurred and expressed his frustration with the time taken to get projects started and completed, requested Council be included when setting priorities, and questioned if the removal of parking meters impacted the department, with Mr. White responding to questions and concerns. There was no further discussion.

TRANSPORTATION - FRESNO AREA EXPRESS (FAX)

Transportation Director Hayes gave an overview of the department's budget, displayed a map of the airside/landside project, and commented briefly on other projects.

Transit Manager Rudd gave an overview of the FAX budget and highlights and stated the focus would be on adding additional bus drivers.

Speaking to the issue were: Barbara Hunt, 944 "F" Street; and Gloria Torres, who expressed various concerns and requested improved and more frequent service.

(8 - 0) Mr. Rudd responded to questions of President Boyajian and Councilmember Quintero relative to night service including frequency and security, and plans, if any, to increase bus frequencies. Councilmember Perea left the meeting at 4:54 p.m. Mr. Rudd continued responding to questions relative to increasing service relative to hours and evenings, and Laidlaw's budget, service problems, and if it would be more cost effective to provide that service in-house.

Councilmembers Ronquillo and Steitz left the meeting at 5:00 p.m. whereupon President Boyajian announced there was lack of a quorum.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE - NON-DEPARTMENTAL - CITY COUNCIL - MAYOR'S OFFICE

Laid over one week.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being lack of a quorum and the hour of 5:01 p.m. having arrived and hearing no objections, President Boyajian continued the budget hearing to June 6, 2000, and declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED on the 6th day of June, 2000.

ATTEST:

Tom Boyajian, Council President

Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk